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SUBJECT: CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES TALKS

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1. AT NEGOTIATING SESSION AUGUST 26 CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE TABLED
A DRAFT ARTICLE (SEE SEPTTEL) WHICH THEY CLAIMED WAS BASED ON THEIR 19
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DRAFT TEXT, BUT INCORPORATED ALL POINTS COVERED BY U.S. DRAFT
OF 1975. INITIAL INSPECTION REVEALS THIS TO BE THE CASE, WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF ARTICLE THREE OF U.S. DRAFT DEALING WITH RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) AND THE NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (NAS) ON THE U.S. SIDE AND UNSPECIFIED
CZECHOSLOVAK ORGANIZATIONS ON THE OZVER. CZECHOSLOVAKS ASKED
FOR A CLARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING U.S. LANGUAGE IN 1975 DRAFT:
QUOTE THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE CONDUCT
OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH, JOINT SEMINARS, AND SCIENTIFIC VISITS
BETWEEN SCIENTISTS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES
IN FIELDS OF CONCURRENT INTEREST TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDA-
TION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE (CZECHOSLOVAK FSRE
WILL SUPPLY NAME) OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC. THE
PARTIES WILL ALSO FACILITATE THE CONCLUSION OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND THE
(CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE WILL SUPPLY NAME) ON SCIENTIFIC AND
TECKNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. UNQUOTE.

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2. CZECHOSLOVAKS SAID THEY DID NOT SEE WHY DIRECT AGREEMENTS

BETWEEN UNITED STATES NSF AND NAS COUNTERPARTS COULD NOT BE COVERED IN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS, RATHER THAN IN UMBRELLA AGREEMENT, UNLESS WE ENVISAGED LONG-TERM (HE SUGGESTED FIVE YEARS) AGREEMENTS OF THIS SORT, WHICH WOULD LAST LONGER THAN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS THEMSELVES. CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION CHIEF ZEMLA EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR "MORE INFORMATION" ABOUT NSF AND NAS, PERHAPS IN THE FORM OF A BROCHURE.

3. CAN DEPARTMENT ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS: WAS THERE ANY IMPORTANT REASON LANGUAGE QUOTED ABOVE WAS INCLUDED IN 1975 TEXT OF UMBRELLA AGREEMENT? COULD MENTION OF DIRECT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN NSF/NAS AND CZECHOSLOVAKS BE PUT INTO IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS RATHER THAN UMBRELLA AGREEMENT?

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT POUCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTATION TO CZECHOSLOVAK CHIEF NEGOTIATOR ZEMLA.
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